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Potrero Boosters President Dick Millet (left) makes a point to Acting Planning Director Lu Blazej (right) at April 8 Hill session as Mayor Frank Jordan, Liz Killian and Elizabeth Boileau listen.

Judy Baston photo

Potrero Hill Session Confronts Mayor On Number of Neighborhood Concerns

By Judy Baston

Neighborhood issues ranging from a hospital parking garage to a new baseball stadium, from development policies to library cuts, topped the agenda April 8 when Mayor Frank Jordan participated in a Potrero Hill community meeting co-sponsored by three area organizations.

The session — held at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House and attended by more than 150 people — was co-sponsored by the Potrero Boosters and Merchants Assn., the Potrero League of Active Neighbors (PLAN), and the East Mission Improvement Assn. The Mayor primarily responded to a list of questions that had been developed in advance by the groups, but other issues, such as concern over library cutbacks — also surfaced during the evening.

Because of the session's structure, most of the meeting was tightly focused on what the sponsoring groups called "items of special interest to our neighborhoods," rather than a more general perspective of how Jordan views his office. But the newly-elected Mayor began the evening by defining his mandate from the voters as "clean streets, public safety, the homeless, balancing the budget, expanding the economic base, and dealing with problems of social services and health."

He predicted that with the current budget shortfall, "there will be programs reduced or cut out. Some jobs will be cut right out of the budget." Some "political decisions" are coming with the 10 percent cuts he has asked all department heads to make, the Mayor admitted. "If I feel I'm not getting 10 percent cuts with creativity or a professional approach, then I don't need that department head," he claimed.

In fact, responding later in the evening to a number of questions about library cutbacks, Jordan referred to community meetings that have taken place with Library Commissioners and administrators, and charged, "I don't like the idea of someone going into the community with bad news." When pressed, Jordan said no branches would be closed, and vowed reduction of branch hours to only two days per week "is not going to happen." He was unwilling, however, to guarantee whether branches would be open on evenings and weekends.

The Mayor also came in for sharp questioning on the issue of a new baseball stadium in San Francisco if San Jose voters defeat a ballot measure to build a ballpark there.

Jordan said, "I didn't want to see the Giants leave; they're part of a world class city. If the San Jose vote loses, I'll fight to hold the Giants in San Francisco."

Noting that his plan was "to retrofit

Candlestick Park," Jordan said that if Giants owner Bob Lurie "refuses to accept Candlestick, it puts us in an awkward position. I hope to have the opportunity to negotiate again with Lurie if the measure loses in San Jose."

Hill resident Audrey Wood reminded the Mayor that "we voted several times against the ballpark." And Boosters President Dick Millet insisted, "We want your assurance that you will respect our votes and spend no more time and money at China Basin and 7th and Townsend."

And longtime Hill resident Joe Passen drew the crowd's applause when he challenged the Mayor by emphasizing, "What made San Francisco a world class city was not a baseball team. San Francisco is proud to be the first city in the world to become a trade union town."

Anger at City Planning Dept. practices and policies was also high on the evening's agenda, in particular the charge that a double standard exempts larger construction — Planned Unit Developments — from height limits based on adjacent structures, but forces individuals to adhere to strict requirements when remodeling or rebuilding.

"Homeowners are told we can't grow, but PUDs can come towering over us," assailed Arden Smith, who suggested the Mayor "cut the whole Planning Department." Jordan initially promised that

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Finally: Plan for Hospital Garage

By E. Samira Hoye

Even as parking conditions around San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH) continue to worsen, a plan and time-frame for construction of the long-awaited 800 plus space parking garage at 23rd and Utah Streets, was presented at a meeting April 15.

Many local merchants and neighbors were in attendance to hear several architects from the firm of Fong and Chan, who are designing the project, present a preliminary drawing/layout of the garage.

July, 1994 was given as the latest estimated date for completion. Actual construction should take approximately 12-14 months.

Before construction can begin, an Environmental Impact Report will need to be completed. Such a report typically takes eight months to complete, depending on several factors. One of which — according to the spokesperson for City Planning — is community cooperation, which appeared to exist at the meeting.

Although a study conducted some time ago showed a need for 1,500 additional parking spaces in the area, and the planned garage was originally going to have 1,200 parking spaces, the current plan has been cut back to one that will have approximately 800 parking "stalls."

The garage is now proposed to include five levels, and to be built in a graded style that fits into the topography, with extensive handicapped parking, located mainly on the bottom floor; two sets of stairs; a glass elevator, and two entrances. It will be an open air garage, in order to cut down the costs that an indoor, ventilated garage would entail.

The overall design, architects said, is intended to blend in with the character of

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IN OUR VIEW

King Verdict Legacy

Outrage was growing as the View went to press over the jury verdict that exonerated four Los Angeles policemen of the senseless beating of Rodney King. And as the outrage continues to grow, so do key questions: What will be the legacy of this jury verdict that shocked the nation and the world by flying in the face of videotaped evidence?

Will this verdict be seen as giving virtual carte blanche for the excessive use of force by those in authority — and the use of violence in general as a way of acting out racist and anti-gay hostilities? And will this verdict continue to be seen as conclusive evidence that racism is so deeply imbedded in American society that its victims can never get a fair shake — especially from police — and that senseless violence of their own is the only answer?

We hope the answer to both those questions is a resounding "no." And we trust that some of San Francisco's history can provide a unique foundation to build upon. Following the use of force against Farmworkers Union leader Dolores Huerta in a demonstration several years ago, new crowd control policies were instituted by the San Francisco Police. We hope that under new Police Chief Richard Hongisto — who has earned a well-deserved reputation for humane police practices — all policies will be reviewed to ensure that on paper, at least, they prohibit excessive force. And we hope that the leaders of communities in this city who have been the victims of discriminatory violence in the past continue to encourage people to vent their frustrations in a peaceful way.

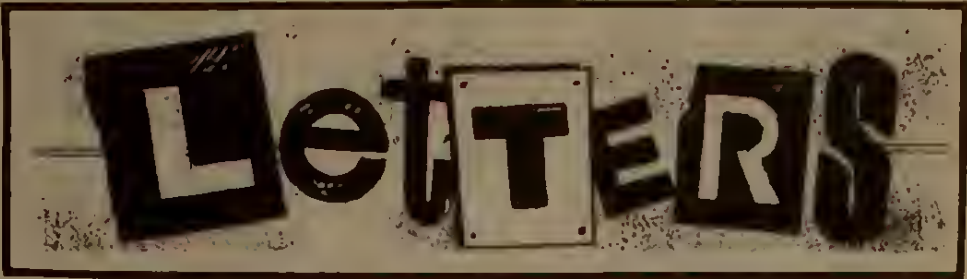
We all hope that what took place in Los Angeles — in the juryroom and in the streets — is not representative of an entire nation. And it is up to all of us to make sure it is not.

Thanks, John

We think it especially fitting that it is on May Day — the international workers' holiday — that the residents of Potrero Hill, and the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House in particular, have chosen to say "thank you" to John Burton. As a result of redistricting, Burton is leaving the Hill, both as a resident and as its Assemblyman.

During both of his tenure in Sacramento, as well as his time in Congress, Burton has been an outspoken advocate for working people, as well as the poor, the elderly, and all those who need government services. In doing so, John is part of a proud tradition represented as well by his late brother, Phil, and late sister-in-law, Sala. Long-time San Francisco political activists remember well how the Burtons and their political allies were often the first in the nation to speak out — against the Vietnam war, for protecting the environment in such locations as the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

John will be moving to the west side of town to continue his political efforts. We'll miss him.



Thanks, Boosters

Editor:

In the article on the Potrero Hill Archives Project's video oral-history work in the April "View" I inadvertently forgot to thank the Potrero Boosters and Merchants Association. Without their generous support, our video project would not be possible. Thank you, Potrero Boosters!

We'd love to hear about long-time neighborhood residents we should interview; sources for old hill photos, and from those interested in hearing more about our project. Look for Potrero Hill oral-histories at Dr. Video late this summer.

Peter Linenthal
Potrero Hill Archives Project
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Catholic Charities

Editor:

1991 has been the worst year in a decade for America's poor. California is one of over 40 states considering

drastic cuts in their social services. This, coupled with the high unemployment rate, has resulted in a dramatic increase in people requesting emergency services from Catholic Charities. Last year we helped over 100,000 Bay Area residents restore their dignity and regain their independence through our many social services in San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin counties.

In order to continue providing and expanding our services, we need your help. May is Catholic Charities Month throughout Northern California. This is the time we ask our parishioners and the community as a whole for donations to support Charities' work among those most needy — regardless of religious affiliation.

By working together, we can make the Bay Area a better place for people of all ages and economic situations. On behalf of the people we are privileged to serve, please accept our sincere appreciation for your support.

Sally Wilson
Catholic Charities

GETTING INVOLVED

PLANT A TREE! IT'S FREE! Friends of the Urban Forest is helping with a neighborhood tree planting project, with 800 trees provided to the neighborhoods through a grant from the California State Resources Agency, as part of a CalTrans construction mitigation program. Potrero Hill's share is 120 trees. Unlike past tree planting projects, this one is free, and anyone wanting a tree in front of their house, apartment or place of business may get one. The planting date is set for Saturday, July 18. The first of two planting meetings takes place at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, Wednesday, May 20, 7-9 p.m., to explain the process, show the choice of trees and answer questions. For info or to sign up, call: Curt Hayes, 285-6202; Dick Reynolds, 285-6292; or Lynne Rodrigues, 282-8820.

THE POTRERO HILL HEALTH CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL meeting takes place Monday, May 11, at 6 p.m. at the Potrero Hill Health Center, 1050 Wisconsin. Agenda items include Health Department budget cuts, dental unit and social work additions, future advisory council members' duties and responsibilities.

THE GARDEN CLUB will hold its pot luck and plant swap Wednesday, May 20, at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro, in the game room. Starts at 6:30 p.m.

THE POTRERO LEAGUE OF ACTIVE NEIGHBORS (PLAN) will be holding a regular membership meeting Wednesday, May 13, in the Fraser Room of the Neighborhood House, at 7:30 p.m. Election of officers will take place, and discussion with a developer is likely.

THE POTRERO HILL BOOSTERS AND MERCHANTS ASSN. hold their meeting Tuesday, May 28, upstairs at the neighborhood public library at 20th and Connecticut Sts. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Be there at 7 for a half-hour of socializing.

THE POTRERO HILL DEMOCRATIC CLUB will hold its meeting on the second Tuesday of the month, May 12, at 7 p.m. at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House.



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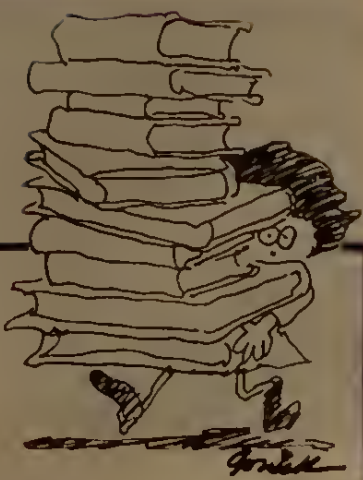
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TEN YEARS AGO

In The View

AND STILL THE RENT STRIKE CONTINUES: Eviction notices failed to faze rent strikers nt the Potrero Housing Projects in their nine-month effort to force San Francisco's Housing Authority to correct health and safety deficiencies in the projects. Strikers continued to deposit their rents into a trust account pending the satisfactory resolution of their grievances. An "eviction party" held at the Showplace Square penthouse April 13 drew a throng of Hill dwellers in support of the strikers. The gathering included many neighbors who were not public housing tenants. Housing officials refused to comment on the strike except to say the matter would be settled in the courts.

THREATS TO HILL LIBRARY CONTINUE: It was still page one news that the Potrero Branch of the San Francisco Library was still being threatened with draconian cuts in staff and hours. Then Hill librarian Joan Jackson stated that the "special purpose" status proposed for her branch means cuts in personnel, budget and hours. There were even fears that the annual Hill artists' show, for many years an eagerly anticipated library event, would be in jeopardy with the proposed cuts.

CATS IN THE NEWS: The value of placing classified ads in the Potrero View was demonstrated when the notice: "Cat Lost: Male, white and grey Siamese mix, vicinity Galleria Design Center..."resulted in the return of Chas, the eight-month-old escapee, to its owners Erik and Emma Stahl. The miscreant reline went to work daily to the Stahl showroom at the Design Center at the bottom of the Hill and one day went off on an adventure of discovery. He was discovered a week later.

RAYE BIRK, ACTOR: American Conservatory Theater (ACT) actor Raye Birk, a Potrero Hill resident, was the subject of an interview 10 years ago. Then age 39, Birk was appearing in two ACT productions, "Cat Among the Pigeons" and "The Browning Version." The S.F. Chronicle lauded his work, saying: "It is an extraordinary performance, perhaps the best that Birk has offered at ACT, which is saying a lot." The actor and his wife were then buying a house on Connecticut Street

LIBRARY ART SHOW: The 27th annual Potrero Hill Artists' Show opened April 10 and received a special commendation from the City's Board of Supervisors, which called the show "a neighborhood unifying activity and a valuable contribution to the arts community of San Francisco." More than 50 artists showed work in a wide range of media.

THIS AND THAT: A retrospective show of the late Hill artist Giacomo Patri, who designed this newspaper's nameplate, was to open in June at the Museo Italo-Americano . . . San Francisco's first annual Fair and Exposition was announced. It was to run June 25 - 27 at Moscone Center . . . The Roxie Cinema at 3117 - 16th St., in imminent danger of folding, was given a reprieve by its owners, who decided to continue the house's repertory screenings . . . In the classifieds, "Sam" was offering a "Beautiful Precisely Sculpted Haircut using 1st place award geometric technique" for \$6.75 (reg. \$15).

— Vas Arnautoff

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I want to thank everyone who signed the petition and attended the community meeting in support of the library. It's encouraging to see so many people care about their branch. As of this writing we still don't know about the budget. Hopefully Mayor Jordan will be kind to libraries.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Infant-Toddler Time every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Family Story Time every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Preschool Films, Tuesday, May 19 at 10 a.m. for ages 3-5 include "Curious George Goes to the Hospital," "Where the Wild Things Are," and "Mole and the Rocket." Family Films, Wednesday, May 20 at 7 p.m. for ages 3 and older include "Curious George Goes to the Hospital," "Where the Wild Things Are," and "Mole and the Rocket."

NEW BOOKS FOR ADULTS

"Talking with your Child About a Troubled World" by Lynne Dumas helps parents with such topics as AIDS, racism and war. Susan Strasberg offers an intimate look at Marilyn Monroe in "Marilyn and Me: Sisters, Rivals, Friends."

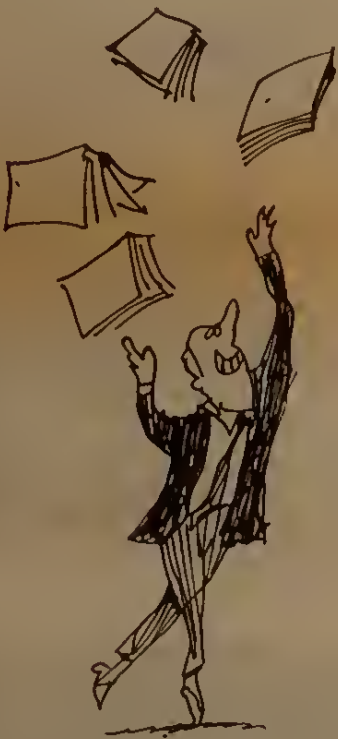
"Jazz" is Toni Morrison's new book set in 1926 Harlem, where everyone is looking for a new and better life. Martha Grimes gives us another mystery in "End of the Pier." Sam is a small town Sheriff on the track of a killer before he kills again. "Stars" is an exclusive Palm Springs resort and is the new setting for Kathryn Harvey's book about film industry intrigue and glamor.

NEW BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

"Shiloh", this year's Newberry winner by Phyllis Naylor, is about a boy who finds a lost dog and is reluctant to return him to his cruel master. In "Grandma's Bill," Grandma shows little Bill her photo album with pictures of his grandfather, also named Bill. This is a family story by Martin Waddell for ages 3-6.

"American Tall Tales" includes such favorites as Davy Crockett, Sally Thunder Ann Whirlwind and John Henry. Good read-alouds by Mary Osbourne for ages six and older. A happy cockroach changes into a boy in "Shoebag" by Mary James for ages eight and older. A child describes the growth of a maple tree in "Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf," another beautiful book by Lois Ehlert for preschoolers.

Debby Jeffrey
Branch Librarian



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- Girls Club Meetings - Mon., 5-7 p.m.
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- Study Hall - Every Tues., 7:30 p.m.
- Juvenile Diversion - Tues., 5-7 p.m.
- Tutorial Program
- Job Referral
- Al-Anon - Thurs., 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Alcohol Anonymous - Sun/Mon/Thurs, 8:30 p.m.
- Cocaine Anonymous - Sat., 6-7 p.m.
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Hill Confronts Mayor On Neighborhood Concerns

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"the new City Planning team will streamline procedures and PUDs will require neighborhood involvement.

In addition, neighbors demanded answers about the fate of the Pennsylvania Street site formerly occupied by the huge PG&E natural gas tank, and urged that the proposal by the Mendel Terrace group to build housing on that location get the green light. Jordan seemed to think that the project had been moving ahead and seemed unaware of various snags that had currently brought negotiations between PG&E and the developer to a halt.

Another frustrating area delay — about which East Mission Improvement Assn. activist Liz Killian apprised the Mayor — was the long-awaited parking garage for San Francisco General Hospital (See story Page 1). Killian presented Jordan with a petition bearing the signatures of more than 900 hospital employees and stressed, "The neighborhood has waited long enough" for the garage.

While Jordan noted, "I see the same dire need you do for parking. . . you certainly have my support," he indicated that some of the money to fund the garage would have to come from raising downtown parking meter fees. He said he "doesn't think" any possible opposition to raising meter rates would derail the garage, he told the Potrero Hill crowd, but he admitted he didn't know if the garage would be "able to coincide" with the new mental health facility currently under construction on hospital grounds.

Perhaps the most controversial topic of the evening was the progress and fate of the Work Furlough Center on Indiana Street, sponsored by the California Dept. of Corrections and run by Eclectic Communications Inc. (ECI).

PLAN's Janet Carpinelli charged there

are "two problems yet to be solved" with the Work Furlough Center — lack of any system to track the inmates' progress, despite such a requirement in the city's conditional use permit, and a number of "failures to return" (AWOLs from the Center) "that far exceeds the numbers given to the community at the outset."

Last year 19 percent failed to return to the facility and 26 percent returned to prison, noted Carpinelli, who told Jordan, "We seek your help to see that the facility fulfills its promises to the community. We don't want to see it expanded."

Jordan, former Chief of Police, said "I want to be sure whatever the neighborhood was told to expect will be honored," and also called for comments from representatives of the Potrero District Police Station.

Potrero Station's Officer Mike Mahoney admitted that "at one time I was concerned about walkaways. I personally tracked more than 150 people. One committed a crime, but that was up on Market Street. I cannot find any change in crime statistics attributed to ECI.

"If ECI saves 50 percent of their people, that's 50 percent less my officers and I have to deal with," Mahoney said.

Although the meeting took place weeks before revelation of Jordan's controversial new homeless policy, the Mayor responded to a question about the city's homeless problem by saying that his plan would include the following:

- * Identification through a computer "to pinpoint people in the system."
- * A workfare program, tied to the clean streets campaign, involving healthy people 35 years or younger.
- * A van system "dealing with people who commit violations every day. We don't pick them up and take them to jail. We'll take them to a shelter, get them into the system."



Potrero Station's Officer Mike Mahoney answers question posed by Janet Carpinelli (above) at April 8 session as Hill crowd listens (below).

Judy Baston photo



Free San Francisco Neighborhood Breakfast with Senator Milton Marks

Saturday, May 9 from 9 to 11:00 a.m.
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QUESTION: Why are these community leaders working so hard for Milton Marks in his community-based campaign for State Senate?

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FROM YOUR ASSEMBLYMAN

Goal of New Burton Bill: Plug Brown Act Loopholes

When City Councils vote in secret session to rescind voter approved ordinances, use closed sessions to approve their own retirement plans or approve pay raises for other elected officials without giving notice of the items on their agendas nor announcing new policies after approval, then I believe we can safely say that California's 40 year old Brown Act is simply not doing its job.

In fact, all of these things have happened right here in California, not somewhere back in history behind the Iron Curtain. That is why I introduced AB 3476, reforming our outdated law, and acting as a companion bill to Senator Quentin Kopp's Senate Bill 1538.

Although the Brown Act, enacted in 1953, strictly forbids elected and appointed Board and Commission members from making decisions in private, the act has often been violated. This legislation will dramatically increase public access to the meetings and decision-making processes of elected and appointed members of City, County and State Boards and Commissions.

Negotiating sessions by telephone, closed meetings to discuss "personnel matters" or "potential litigation," and out-of town "retreats" have become commonplace, and controversial items are often left off the public agenda.

There is no question that revisions to the Brown Act are long overdue. For example, one of the current provisions of the law is a ridiculously short 30-day statute of limitations. Because of this, people who want to challenge a decision made behind closed doors have only 30 days to file an objection. Since many controversial

decisions are often intentionally kept from the public, it may, and most likely does, take more than 30 days just to discover that such a decision has been made.

My bill changes the section that allows public officials who violate the law to defend themselves by pleading ignorance of the law.

Even though the Brown Act has been amended in nearly every session of the legislature since 1953, it is still hopelessly flawed. This legislation proposes the most sweeping revisions to date, and would amend the Brown Act to make it the effective, public-serving law it was meant to be. Public access to meetings of local governmental bodies is a right that should be guaranteed to all citizens, and ignorance of this law, as with all others, should not be a defense.

This legislation would improve enforcement of the law by allowing legal action to be brought against public officials accused of wrongdoing even when ignorance of the law is claimed, as well as allowing legal challenges to be filed at the time the alleged illegal actions are first discovered.

In addition, the amendments I am proposing would redefine the scope of the law to include meetings of non-profit organizations when they discuss their tax-funded programs, corporate boards that have been delegated authority by government bodies, and the phone conferences and retreats held by such officials or groups.

This legislation makes all documents available to the public, allows all meetings to be videotaped and photographed, requires tape recordings of closed sessions, and makes those tape

Hospital Garage Design Presented at Area Session

the neighborhood, with outer walls loosely designed to resemble Victorian bay windows. Other features include parking attendants, and card-key machines for monthly permit holders.

Participants in the April 15 meeting stressed that it would be preferable if 1200 spaces were built at the same time, because of the obvious reluctance of residents and hospital staff to undergo yet another major construction project in the future, or the more ominous possibility of no more spaces being built at all. Kevin Hagerty, Director of the San Francisco Parking Authority, claimed the budget simply wouldn't allow for more than 800 spaces to be built.

It was also emphasized that closing the 24th Street entrance to the garage at night -- leaving only the 23rd Street entrance open -- could make evening and night-time parking just as inaccessible to 24th Street traffic as it is now.

A representative of the 24th Street Merchant's Assn. voiced concerns that merchants in that area will continue to lose business for the very same reason they are losing it now, lack of parking, and that the garage will be, at best, a minimal improvement.

The trees that are proposed to be planted along the sidewalks surrounding the garage drew some criticism because of potential light obstruction, both during the day and at night. It was suggested that vines might be preferable.

recordings available to the public.

This law is specifically about accountability. When elected and appointed officials are making decisions that involve public funds and public policy, the public has a right to know. Journalists must be allowed access in order to present a complete and accurate account to the public. My bill will guarantee such access, and will ensure that if an objectionable decision is made by public officials, that decision can be challenged

in a timely manner and beyond the current 30-day statute of limitations. If local government officials continue to make decisions in private, they can and will be held accountable for their actions.

AB 3476 is a very controversial proposal, and I am very interested in learning your opinion on this measure. Please send your comments to my office in Sacramento; Assemblyman John Burton, State Capitol, Room 2179, Sacramento, CA 95814.



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*New Book Helps Demystify
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By Cydney Erickson-Feinstein

Do you have frequent headaches? Do you grind and clench your teeth? Do your jaws ever feel locked? If you have these — or any of the other symptoms listed in a new book by Potrero Hill dentist and author Dr. Greg Goddard — you may have a temporomandibular joint problem commonly called TMJ.

Traditionally, TMJ has been considered a dental problem caused by a bad bite. The correction of a bad bite is often costly as it can involve the capping of teeth or surgery. In "TMJ — The Overlooked Diagnosis," Goddard draws upon his 22 years of experience as a dentist to offer an alternative diagnosis and treatment for TMJ sufferers. He asserts that TMJ may lead to bad bites, but that generally bad bites do not lead to TMJ. Goddard says that there are several other more likely causes of TMJ including bruxism (grinding of the teeth), whiplash or sports injuries and stress.

Written in language that the layperson can understand, Goddard demystifies a condition that by some estimates afflicts 28 percent of the population.

"When people don't understand what is wrong with them they are very vulnerable and may be talked into surgery and x-rays that are unnecessary," Goddard warns. In one chapter Goddard describes what an examination for TMJ should involve and provides suggested questions for a patient when discussing treatment with a dentist. By empowering patients, Goddard hopes they will become educated and active participants in their own healing process.

The temporomandibular joints located in front of each ear and connected to the jawbone, work just like the ankles or knees, and when injured or strained they will respond to therapies more commonly used for joint sprains in other parts of the body.

Some of Goddard's suggestions include moist heat or an ice pack, and techniques to lessen pressure on the joints like yawning against your fist — or a mouth splint — to cut down on teeth clenching. He also emphasizes the importance of learning stress management techniques to keep TMJ under control.



GREG GODDARD

Goddard, a 20-year resident of Potrero Hill, is a native Californian and a graduate of the UCSF Dental School. During the Native American occupation of Alcatraz, he and several other health care workers went to the island to offer medical care to the activists. When the protestors later opened the Native American Health Center in San Francisco, they offered Goddard the position of Dental Director.

Working with the Native American community for the last 15 years has had a big influence on his ideas about medicine and healing, Goddard says. In particular, he has seen the limitations of traditional medicine in treating alcoholism and diabetes — the main diseases in the Indian community. Goddard notes that neither condition can be cured with science alone and both require lifestyle changes that can only be made by the patient.

Goddard stresses the importance of personal involvement in health care and the right of patients to know their treatment options and to ask probing questions of their doctors. As he emphasizes in his introduction to the book, "I hope that this book will help educate patients, who will then demand more say in their care and, as a result, raise the quality of the care they receive."

Caleb Clark Health Center Anticipates
Funds to Increase Dental Services

At the present time, the dental clinic at the Caleb Clark Health Center is scheduled to receive funding in the coming fiscal year to return the program to previous staffing levels. This improved funding is due in large part to the public outcry over last year's cutbacks.

During the past fiscal year, the Potrero Hill dental clinic experienced a 31 percent reduction in dentist's time due to City budget cuts. During that time, dental services were provided primarily by the dentists without the assistance of a full time staff person. The results of this reduction were fewer patient

visits and longer waiting periods.

As has been the case in previous years, the dental clinic will focus primarily on the basic services of prevention, fillings, simple extractions, and some root canal treatments. Currently, there are no services available that require laboratory support. As a result, dentures, partials, and crowns are not available at this time.

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Consumer advocate Ralph Nader presents the keynote address at "Media & Democracy: Covering the '92 Elections," a Bay Area-wide conference May 9 at the University of San Francisco. Sponsored by Media Alliance in association with the USF Davies Forum, the Coro Foundation, and the Institute for Alternative Journalism, the day-long series of workshops and panel discussions begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends with an evening address by Nader. The public is invited to participate in the conference. For info call Media Alliance, 441-2557.

The Mt. Zion/UC San Francisco Family Bereavement Program offers a free eight-week support group session starting May 18 for parents who have lost a child to a serious illness. The sessions are held at UCSF Laurel Heights, 3333 California St., from 6:30-8 p.m. Interested families should call Susan Haikalis, 885-7529.

Coming events sponsored by the city's Rec and Park Dept. include summer workshop auditions for a teen musical. Singers, dancers and actors ages 13-19 are invited to audition beginning May 22. Youngsters accepted into the program will receive free classes in scene study, vocal lab, tap and jazz dance, and the technical aspects of theater. Auditions will be held at the Harvey Milk Recreational Arts Bldg., 50 Scott St., May 22 and 27 from 4-7 p.m., and on May 23, 1-5 p.m. Call 221-0566 or 554-9523 for more info. And for Senior Citizens there is an Annual Spring Get-A-Way to Camp Mather in the Sierras, June 8. Registration is on May 9 at McLaren Lodge Annex Bldg. in Golden Gate Park. Call 666-7015 or 666-7039 for more info.

The blind and those with low vision are invited to attend special forums for the visually impaired the first Saturday of each month at UC San Francisco, 400 Parnassus Ave., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 626-5313 for info.

A citywide Tenants Convention will be held on Sunday, May 17 at 290 Golden Gate Ave., beginning 2 p.m. The Convention is sponsored by the Community Tenants Union, St. Peter's Housing Committee and the Tenderloin Housing Clinic, and is being held to propose legislative solutions to the housing problems of tenants caused by high rents and increasing evictions. The convention is open to all San Francisco tenants, and is free.

Israel Independence Day Fair and Celebration takes place in Sharon Meadows in Golden Gate Park Sunday, May 31, noon to 5 p.m. There will be entertainment, live music, Israeli Dancing, arts and crafts, children's activities, and mid-East and Jewish style food prepared by Bay Area restaurateurs. Admission is free. For info call 512-6203.



Options for Women Over 40 is offering low-fee, career and personal counseling for midlife women of the San Francisco Bny Area. Options offers free orientation to the agency every Thursday at 1 p.m., as well as a free orientation to the Temporary Employment Service Program every Monday at 1 p.m. Call 431-6405 for further info.

Volunteers are needed to help the Mission Economic and Cultural Assn. (MECA) in their plans for the annual Carnaval May 22-24. Help is needed in the box office; backstage; to host VIPs; to be monitors at the parade, and lots more. Call 905-6322 for more info.

The S.F. Greens Party offers a series of talks about their organization. May 6 features Ross Mirkarimi on "Beyond the Geopolitical Game: A Call to Action for a Green Foreign Policy," and on May 21 storyteller Delores Orr will present "Have I Got a Story to Tell You." Talks take place from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at New College, 777 Valencia St. There is a sliding scale donation of \$5 to \$10 requested, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

S.F. Camerawork is looking for snapshots from travels and vacations for an upcoming show on travel and tourism. All entries will be exhibited. Send up to five standard snapshots (3" x 5" or 4" x 6") with name and address on the back of each, plus self-addressed stamped envelope to 70 Twelfth St., S.F. 94103. Photos will be returned by Oct. 1. Deadline for entries is May 15. For more info call 621-1001.

A lecture on the public and private life of Eleanor Roosevelt will take place at the Women's Building, 3543-18th St., by author Blanche Wiesen Cook, who will read from her new biography on Roosevelt. Dr. Cook's appearance will benefit the Women's Voices series of Old Wives' Tales. Tickets are \$7-12 sliding scale at the door. For more info call 821-4676.

Modern Times Bookstore offers lectures through May: Francesca Miller: Latin American Women's History, May 17 at 7:30 p.m.; and Cuban poet Rene Ariza performs his poetic work in Spanish -- with American translations -- May 20 at 7:30 p.m. Events take place at 888 Valencia.

Nice scene on China Basin one week-end: Guy in wheelchair changing a tire on his car. Couple walk up to him and say admiringly, "Not bad work for a disabled person." Wheelchair guy looks around and asks "Where?"

The SF Tenants Union holds an open house May 30, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Workshops on tenant issues will take place throughout the day. The event is free for non-members and members of the Tenants Union. There will also be entertainment and an all-you-can-eat barbeque for \$5. For more info call 282-6622.

A multicultural workshop for parents of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and questioning youth will be held May 11 at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St., Suite 201, in S.F. Childcare will be available upon request. For more info call 565-7681.

The Adult Learning and Tutorial Center at 31 Gough St. offers classes on beginning reading and math, GED pretests & tutoring, spelling & phonics, and study skills. The Center is a program of City College of S.F. and is free. There are day and evening classes, and instruction can be arranged at times convenient to the students. Call 241-2300.

The Men's Slavic Chorus appears at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. on Sat. May 9, 8:15 p.m. Call 282-2317 for more info.

A series of free workshops is being presented at the SOMA Health Center, 862 Folsom St. The May 12 event focuses on "Sports Injuries: Prevention & Self-Care," at 6:30 p.m. RSVP 974-5596.



This year's San Francisco Youth Arts Festival will be held at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor May 6-10. The museum, which closed at the end of March for seismic work and renovation, opens its doors to become a showcase of visual and performing arts by and for the children of San Francisco.



CLARIFICATION:

In an article about the history of the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House in the April issue of *The View*, reference was made to the senior citizens who take lunch there. It was said that when Enola D. Maxwell became Executive Director of the "Nabe," many people had "complained about this black 'radical' woman . . . and now (those who complained) are coming to the senior lunches." This misrepresented the situation, because the senior citizens who make up the majority of attendees at the daily lunches are not the same who were active in Neighborhood House activities 20 years ago.

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Textbook Controversy: Painting the Educational Canvas

My throat lumped as I heard my name called. I'd never spoken before at a public hearing of the San Francisco Board of Education. I don't have children in the school system. I'm neither a parent nor a teacher. Yet I felt compelled to speak.

A coalition of 37 community organizations, composed mostly of people of color, had severely criticized the Houghton Mifflin social studies textbooks as racist and Eurocentric, destructive to the educational growth and self image of children of color. They had documented their criticisms in a meticulously prepared, 85 page critique. What could I say that hadn't been said before? I decided just to share my own experiences:

"My name is Sharon Martinas. I'm 55, of European ancestry, and I've lived in San Francisco for 27 years. I am speaking in opposition to adoption of the textbooks. I believe that they are very detrimental to the development of children whose heritage, like mine, is European.

"Let me explain what I mean by some examples from my own life. Forty years ago, I went to one of the best public schools in Boston. There I learned about Greeks and Romans, but not about

Egyptians and Mayans. I learned that Columbus discovered America; that the Constitution made all Americans free and equal; and that Mozart was a musical genius, but Coltrane merely an improviser. Nothing in my education at a prestigious Ivy League college changed that image.

"My formal education had so diminished my humanity that, although I was a person who cared deeply for my fellow human beings, the scope of my care was limited to those whose skin color resembled mine, and whose ancestors came from Europe. Other human beings — those with darker skins, whose ancestors came from Africa, the Americas, Asia or the Middle East — they didn't exist for me.

"In sum, I had learned to be a literate, capable, generous, adult who was not the same time a white supremacist! No, I didn't wear white sheets or burn fiery crosses. I just thought and acted like an ordinary white American.

"For example, when I moved to San Francisco, I rented a lovely flat overlooking the Bay. It never occurred to me, because I hadn't been taught, that the land on which I was living had once been under the stewardship of the Ohlone peoples for whom that land was sacred:

it could not be bought, sold nor rented. Nor did I know that white settlers who came here generations before me, had exterminated the Ohlones and stolen their land. And that is how I came to enjoy my lovely apartment.

"I didn't begin to restore my humanity until I participated in the strike at San Francisco State that created the School of Ethnic Studies in 1969. That struggle inspired a new vision of multicultural education for this nation.

"But that vision cannot wait for college. It has to start when a child enters public school. Not much has changed since I went to school 40 years ago. True the educational canvas is no longer painted with an all white brush. But the cloth is still white. It just has a few black, brown, red and yellow polka dots to adorn it.

"This new canvas, exemplified by these textbooks, is just as destructive of our children's humanity as was the old one.

"And so, I call on the Board of Education to exercise your responsibility for nurturing the humanity of our children. Reject these textbooks. Find or create books that tell the truth."

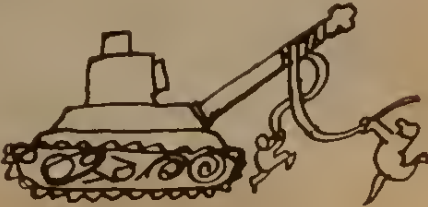
But the board remained unmoved.

Only Tom Amminno, a white gay community activist and the newest Board member, said no.

I wish that more of San Francisco's huge white progressive community had been there to oppose the textbooks. I don't know if it would have made a difference in the vote. But I believe it would have made a difference for their children.

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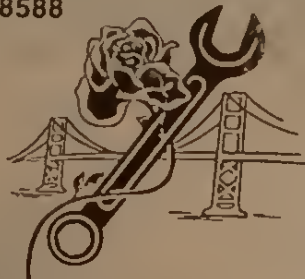
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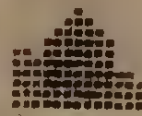
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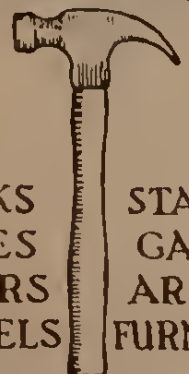
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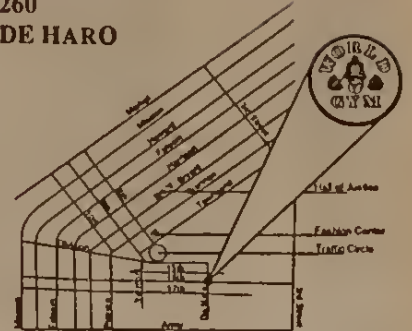


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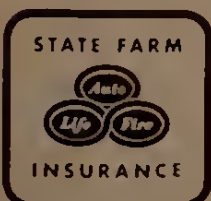
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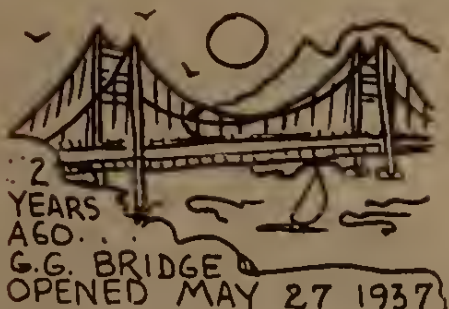
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